

Members of the Idaho State Bar:

While not expressing the opinion that the information below tends to negate the guilt of any defendant, nor that it could be used to impeach any witness, the below signed Prosecutors send this notification in an abundance of caution so counsel can consider this information in light of the facts of their individual cases and arrive at their own opinion.

We received information that four ISP Laboratory analysts may have violated internal laboratory policies. Pocatello Forensic Laboratory Scientist Susan Williamson purchased more of the chemical GHB than laboratory policy allows. She used the chemical to develop testing protocols and then stored the remainder of the chemical in the lab in violation of an internal policy. There is no allegation that she used the chemical for any illegal purpose.

Forensic Laboratory Manager Skylar Anderson and Forensic Laboratory Scientist Lamora Lewis, also with the Pocatello laboratory, maintained a “display case” of controlled substances to educate students about the appearance of illegal controlled substances. Former Forensic Laboratory Scientist Rocklan McDowell was aware of the display case and added substances to it. Storage of that display case was a violation of internal laboratory policy. There is no allegation that this storage was a criminal offense.

There is no evidence that any drug, blood alcohol, or any other testing was impacted by any of the above actions. At this point, there is no reason to believe that the laboratory’s accreditation will be impacted by these actions. We leave it to individual defense attorneys to decide whether this information has any impact on a prior or pending case where one of the above individuals was involved. If you have any questions, or desire further information, the prosecutor in your county or the prosecutor assigned to the criminal case you are handling/handled can assist you.

Sincerely,

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